Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary
South Area - Headquarters (AFO)

Program: EQIP 2010	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: South Area - Headquarters (AFO)		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	10 Point(s)
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	5 Point(s)
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	15 Point(s)
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10 Point(s)
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	10 Point(s)
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15 Point(s)
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	15 Point(s)
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	10 Point(s)

High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	15 Point(s)
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15 Point(s)
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	15 Point(s)
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	10 Point(s)
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	10 Point(s)
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	10 Point(s)
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	10 Point(s)
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	10 Point(s)
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	10 Point(s)
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	10 Point(s)
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	10 Point(s)
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	10 Point(s)
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	5 Point(s)

9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	5 Point(s)

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. AFO #1 - An approved CNMP is already in place? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
2. AFO #2 - This land is within a NMED priority watershed? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
3. AFO #3 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an approved, active or recently completed section 319 project? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
4. AFO #4 - The contract will include practices that will significantly reduce the threat of ground water pollution ? 35 Pts	35 Point(s)
5. AFO #5 - The contract will include practices that will significantly reduce the threat of surface water pollution? 35 Pts	35 Point(s)
6. AFO #6 - The contract will include practices that will reduce nitrate levels to 10 ppm or less? 30 Pts	30 Point(s)
7. AFO #7 - The collection and transport system is inadequate, but will be significantly improved? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
8. AFO #8 - The storage and treatment facilities are inadequate, but will be significantly improved? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
9. AFO #9 - Manure utilization is inadequate, but will be significantly improved? 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
10. AFO #10 - Applicant had a prior contract which was implemented on schedule and is providing satisfactory O&M for contracted practices. 20 Pts	20 Point(s)

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is nutrient management being or will be applied based on soil testing? 50 points	50 Point(s)
2. Will the planned items adequately address the resource concerns? 60 points	60 Point(s)
3. Does the facility not have a developed CNMP? 25 points	25 Point(s)
4. Is the depth to ground water 20 feet or less? 25 points	25 Point(s)
5. Answer yes to only one of questions (5,6,7) Are monitoring well contamination of nitrates 0-20 ppm? 20 points	20 Point(s)
6. Are monitoring well contamination of nitrates 20-30 ppm? 50 points	50 Point(s)
7. Are monitoring well contamination of nitrates greater than 30 ppm? 80 points	80 Point(s)
8. Is a LESA or LEPA system being installed? 10 points	10 Point(s)
9. Is a structure for water control being installed? 10 points	10 Point(s)

10. Is a pipeline being installed? 10 points	10 Point(s)
11. Is a waste storage facility being installed? 80 points	80 Point(s)
12. Is a transfer pump being installed? 10 points	10 Point(s)
13. Is a manure separator being installed? 10 points	10 Point(s)
14. Is a slurry line being installed? 10 points	10 Point(s)
15. Answer yes to only one of questions (15,16). Is the distance to surface water less than 1320 feet? 20 points	20 Point(s)
16. Is the distance to surface water greater than 1320 feet? 10 points	10 Point(s)
17. Does the applicant not have a favorable history in completing contract ? -200 points	-200 Point(s)

Land Use:

Crop;

Headquarters;

Resource Concerns	Practices
Air Quality: Objectionable Odors	Structure for Water Control
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation Land Leveling
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, H
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, L
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Nutrient Management
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Structure for Water Control
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - N	Waste Storage Facility
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation Land Leveling
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
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Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Nutrient Management
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Structure for Water Control
Soil Condition: Contaminants-Animal Waste and Other Organics - P	Waste Storage Facility
Soil Erosion: Wind	Irrigation Land Leveling

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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Irrigation Land Leveling
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Monitoring Well
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Structure for Water Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Waste Storage Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater	Waste Transfer
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation Land Leveling
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
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Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Structure for Water Control
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Storage Facility
Water Quality: Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water	Waste Transfer
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Irrigation Land Leveling
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Irrigation System, Sprinkler
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Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Structure for Water Control
Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Waste Storage Facility

Water Quantity: Inefficient Water Use on Irrigated Land	Waste Transfer

Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	**Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:**
Signature Date:	**Signature Date:**